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RE: State Authorization

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you on behalf of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Cosmetology ("Board") with regards to certain new requirements being imposed by the U.S Department of Education. Specifically, the Board has become aware of new requirements contained in 34 CFR 600.9 for schools to obtain state authorization for purposes of obtaining federal financial aid. The Board has been working with the U.S. Department of Education in reviewing its current laws and regulations to determine if Massachusetts will need to develop new processes in order for schools to be able to comply with these new state authorization requirements. Specifically, we are exploring all options, including but not limited to legislative and regulatory changes, to ensure that schools in Massachusetts meet the requirements of 34 CFR 600.9. We are hopeful that we may complete this process in time for the new implementation date set by the U.S. Department of Education, July 1, 2014. We will be providing schools additional information when it becomes available.

Thank you,

Helen A. Peveri
Executive Director

